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DATE: February 10, 2007

RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 7: Month Ending January 2007

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of the activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. In addition, it is also intended to provide a summary of proposed activities to be carried out within the coming months.

Table 1. Upper Columbia River Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Summary of On-Going and Planned Activities

Task No.	Task Description	Status	Issues	Estimated Completion Date ¹
1.	2005 Field Data Transfer	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>July 31, 2006</u>
2.	Technical Memorandum ²	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>October 27, 2006</u>
3.	Draft RI/FS Work Plan	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>December 28, 2006</u>
4.	Sampling and Analysis Plan(s)	On-going	None to report at this time	February 26, 2007
5.	Health and Safety Plan	On-going	None to report at this time	February 26, 2007
6.	Cultural Resources Coordination Plan	On-going	None to report at this time	February 26, 2007

Notes: 1. Dates that have been underlined represent the actual day that the respective deliverable was submitted to EPA as per Paragraph 80 of the Agreement.

2. As outlined within the Agreement the technical memorandum outlines and described the Risk-Based Remedial Objectives for the Ecological Risk Assessment. Remedial objectives for the protection of human health will be prepared by EPA and submitted under separate cover at a later date.

We wish to confirm that efforts to complete the Site Health and Safety Plan (H&SP), Cultural Resources Coordination Plan and at least one Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) are on-going and will be submitted as required and outlined within the Agreement. The SAP to be submitted in accordance with the dates outlined within the Agreement, refer to Table 1 above, will be a

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beach/depositional sediment investigation that builds upon information collected during Phase 1 beach sediment sampling activities. Based on the proposed Phase 2 beach/depositional areas, efforts to identify respective property owners have been undertaken such that access agreements can be initiated and obtained in a timely manner upon receiving EPA approval of the SAP.

In addition to the above mentioned we wish to confirm that efforts to complete a technical memorandum outlining the preliminary problem formulation and a summary of the proposed methodology for conducting the ecological risk assessment are on-going. It is anticipated that this technical memorandum will be completed in the month of March 2007 at which time TCAI would encourage a meeting with participating parties to review and discuss its content. Specific items that would be reviewed and discussed are anticipated to be the preliminary conceptual site model (CSM), potential chemicals of concern, and ecological receptors.

We also wish to confirm that efforts to complete a surface water SAP are ongoing and are anticipated to be completed within the first quarter of 2007. It is TCAI's intent to submit the surface water SAP for review and approval as soon as possible to begin surface water monitoring on the system.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-892-2585.